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SUBJECT: US-JAPANESE CONSULTATIONS ON SOVIET AFFAIRS

1. REGULAR CONSULTATIONS WITH JAPANESE ON SOVIET AFFAIRS WERE LAST HELD IN JANUARY 1974 WHEN GROUP HEADED BY EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE MET IN TOKYO WITH GAIMUSHO REPRESENTATIVES HEADED BY DIRECTOR OF FIRST EAST EUROPE DIVISION ARAI. DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING PROPOSING ANOTHER ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS WITH JAPANESE. IF EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION, WE WOULD SUGGEST IT APPROACH ARAI OF GAIMUSHO WITH FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

2. OUR LAST ROUND OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON SOVIET AFFAIRS WAS HELD IN TOKYO IN JANUARY 1974, AND US THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO SCHEDULE ANOTHER SESSION. SINCE TALKS HAVE ALTERNATED BETWEEN TWO CAPITALS, LOCALE
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MIGHT BE WASHINGTON. REGARDING TIMING, SEEMS TO US

SUMMER WOULD BE EARLIEST FEASIBLE DATE SINCE THREE ROUNDS
OF US-JAPANESE TALKS ON POLICY PLANNING, LATIN AMERICA,
AND CHINA ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH, APRIL, AND MAY,
RESPECTIVELY. (FYI: JAPANESE MAY WISH TO HOLD CONSUL-
TATIONS AFTER US-SOVIET SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON, BUT IT IS
IMPOSSIBLE TO BE SPECIFIC ABOUT THE SUMMIT DATE AT THIS
TIME.) JAPANESE VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE WELCOME. INGERSOLL

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